

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention is directed to novel polypeptides having sequence identity
5 with IL-17 and to nucleic acid molecules encoding those polypeptides. Also provided
herein are vectors and host cells comprising those nucleic acid sequences, chimeric
polypeptide molecules comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused to
heterologous polypeptide sequences, antibodies which bind to the polypeptides of the
present invention and to methods for producing the polypeptides of the present invention.
10 Further provided herein are methods for treating degenerative cartilaginous disorders.